

Public Law 501

CHAPTER 227

April 30, 1956
[H. R. 8728]

AN ACT

To authorize the burial in national cemeteries of the remains of certain commissioned officers of the Public Health Service.

46 USC 654.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That burial in national cemeteries of the remains of commissioned officers of the United States Public Health Service who were detailed for duty with the Army or Navy during World War I pursuant to the Act of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 712, 713), as amended, and Executive Order Numbered 2571 dated April 3, 1917, and of the wife, widow, minor child and, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, unmarried adult child of these officers is authorized: *Provided*, That the remains of the wife, widow, and children may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, be removed from a national cemetery proper and interred in the post section of a national cemetery if, upon death, the related officer is not buried in the same or an adjoining gravesite.

Approved April 30, 1956.

Public Law 502

CHAPTER 228

April 30, 1956
[S. 1188]

AN ACT

To amend section 5240 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to the examination of national banks.

National banks.
Examination.
38 Stat. 271.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first paragraph of section 5240 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (12 U. S. C. 481), is amended by deleting the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following sentences: "The Comptroller of the Currency, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall appoint examiners who shall examine every national bank twice in each calendar year, but the Comptroller, in the exercise of his discretion, may waive one such examination or cause such examinations to be made more frequently if considered necessary. The waiver of one such examination as above provided shall not be exercised more frequently than once during any two-year period."; and by deleting from the second sentence thereof the following: "or of any other member bank,".

SEC. 2. The third paragraph of section 5240 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (12 U. S. C. 482), is amended by deleting the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following: "The expense of the examinations herein provided for shall be assessed by the Comptroller of the Currency upon national banks in proportion to their assets or resources. The assessments may be made more frequently than annually at the discretion of the Comptroller of the Currency. The annual rate of such assessment shall be the same for all national banks, except that banks examined more frequently than twice in one calendar year shall, in addition, be assessed the expense of these additional examinations."

SEC. 3. The seventh paragraph of section 5240 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (12 U. S. C. 482), is deleted and there is substituted therefor the following: "In addition to the expense of examination to be assessed by the Comptroller of the Currency as heretofore provided, all national banks exercising fiduciary powers and all banks or trust companies in the District of Columbia exercising

fiduciary powers shall be assessed by the Comptroller of the Currency for the examination of their fiduciary activities a fee adequate to cover the expense thereof."

Approved April 30, 1956.

Public Law 503

CHAPTER 229

AN ACT

May 1, 1956
[S. 1287]

To make certain increases in the annuities of annuitants under the Foreign Service retirement and disability system.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the annuity of an annuitant under the Foreign Service retirement and disability system pursuant to the Act of May 24, 1924 (43 Stat. 140), as amended, or the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 999), as amended, shall be increased the first day of the second month following enactment of this Act in accordance with the following rules:

Foreign Service.
Retirement and
disability.

22 USC 801 note;
1061 et seq.

If the annuitant was formerly a participant in the system, the annuity to which he is entitled shall be increased \$324, provided he retired before July 1, 1949.

SEC. 2. In the case of an officer who retired before July 1, 1949, and elected a reduced annuity at time of retirement, and who availed himself of the restoration clause in section 821 (b) of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended, such officer shall be entitled to receive the increase provided by the first section of this Act.

60 Stat. 1020.
22 USC 1076.

SEC. 3. If the annuitant is receiving an annuity on the effective date of this Act as the survivor of a former participant in the system who retired before July 1, 1949, the annuity shall be increased in the amount of \$324 or in such larger amount as may be necessary to make the total annuity equal to \$1,200; except that in no event shall such annuity be increased by any amount in excess of \$324 if such increase would result in a total annuity greater than the annuity which such survivor would have been entitled to receive (as determined by the Secretary of State, taking into consideration any generally applicable pay increases but not any in-class increases or possible additional years of service) immediately prior to the effective date of this Act if such former participant had retired on November 13, 1950 (the date specified in Public Law 348, Eighty-second Congress).

66 Stat. 82.
22 USC 1078.

SEC. 4. If the wife of a Foreign Service officer who retired prior to July 1, 1949, becomes an annuitant subsequent to the effective date of this Act, as a result of the election made by the officer at time of retirement, such widow's annuity shall be increased in the amount of \$324.

SEC. 5. In any case where a participant under the Foreign Service retirement and disability system died before August 29, 1954, leaving a widow who is not entitled to receive an annuity under the system, the Secretary of State is authorized and directed to grant such widow an annuity of not to exceed \$1,200 per annum, if he finds that such widow (whether remarried or not) is in actual need and without other adequate means of support.

SEC. 6. In no case shall an annuity increased under this Act exceed the maximum annuity payable under section 821 (a) or (b) of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended.

SEC. 7. No annuity currently payable to any annuitant under the Foreign Service retirement and disability system shall be reduced as a result of the provisions of this Act.

60 Stat. 1020; 69
Stat. 537.
22 USC 1076.
Restriction.

Approved May 1, 1956.